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ROYAL BATTLE IN RATE MATTER

Mr. Braxton Takes Mr. Plant on Cross-Examination, and They Both Prove Strong.

SCRAP NOW AND THEN

Southern Comptroller May Finish His Testimony This Week. Adjourn To-morrow.

It was a battle royal between a great railroad lawyer on one side, and a great railroad official on the other, during most of the time consumed in the rate inquiry yesterday, and occasionally the official would get a breathing spell, while two brilliant attorneys struggled against one another.

Mr. Plant was turned over to Mr. Braxton for cross-examination at 12:10 o'clock P. M., after having consumed more than two days in giving his direct testimony, and from this point the inquiry moved by slow and easy stages, for at frequent intervals counsel would engage in debate over the admissibility of testimony, thus causing brief lulls for the witness, and then the latter and Mr. Braxton were extremely deliberate in their questions and answers. There was no semblance of unpleasantness, however, though there was a degree of earnestness in the manner of all which indicated far more than a passing interest in the case. Occasionally Attorney General Anderson would take some verbal part, but he contented himself for the greater portion of the day in following the witness and noting his testimony in his memorandum sheet. When Mr. Braxton took Mr. Plant for cross-examination, they exchanged some pleasantries which were greatly enjoyed.

"Mr. Plant," said the lawyer, "I do not mind asking him if it was a fact that labor and other expenses had increased, and he said, 'Yes.'"

In 1895, he said, his company operated 723 miles of road in Virginia. The Atlantic and Danville was taken in in August, 1896, the mileage being 282 miles. On June 30, 1901, the mileage in Virginia was 568. On June 30, 1906, it was 565.

He testified that taxes paid by his company in Virginia during the following company years had been—1895, \$115,847.79; 1901, \$104,857.00; 1906, \$108,635.32. He gave these figures in answer to questions by Mr. Braxton.

"1900—Gross earnings, \$5,213.47; operating expenses, \$3,007.08; net earnings, \$2,206.39. "1901—Gross earnings, \$5,006.03; operating expenses, \$3,322.54; net earnings, \$1,683.49. "1902—Gross earnings, \$5,102.22; operating expenses, \$3,406.84; net earnings, \$1,695.38. "1903—Gross earnings, \$5,068.80; operating expenses, \$3,132.47; net earnings, \$1,936.33. "1904—Gross earnings, \$5,154.67; operating expenses, \$3,006.21; net earnings, \$2,148.46."

Question Raised.

Witness said that rates in and out of a State were often made upon a combination of local rates. If these latter rates were reduced it meant a reduction of interstate rates.

Mr. Braxton objected to questions tending to show reductions in interstate rates through the regulation of local rates, and said that the Supreme Court had clearly decided that interstate rates should be kept separate in all questions relating to the fixing of rates.

Mr. Thom spoke at some length, and pointed out that the line of the question was in the line of the question. He said that the Interstate Commerce Commission had decided that interstate rates should be kept separate in all questions relating to the fixing of rates.

Mr. Thom called the doctrine a radical one, and he could not think it would ever prevail.

Witness gave the following further figures: Improvements and betterments not capitalized—1893, \$136,000; 1901, \$173,803.24; 1906, \$1,076,542.

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ceeded to question him from the vast number of memorandums he had made while Mr. Plant was being examined by Mr. Thom. Many of Mr. Braxton's first questions were preliminary, but he gradually got down to real business.

Asked what were the net earnings in Virginia for the last fiscal year, witness said \$2,011,770.38. This is about one-sixth of it. He said the gross earnings in Virginia were about one-seventh of those of the entire system, and the mileage about one-seventh.

Mr. Braxton asked the witness if, upon the calculations worked out from figures submitted, it was not true that the company's business in Virginia was more profitable than that outside of the State. Mr. Plant said it did appear so, but he could not say it was actually true.

The witness was examined at length as to figures contained in the annual report of the company for 1906, pertaining to earnings, operating expenses, etc.

He was asked a number of questions as to what items of improvement were charged to maintenance of ways and structures, and his answers largely corroborated those of General Manager Spencer on these points.

He said that all repairs to old stations were charged to operating expenses, while the cost of new ones went to maintenance.

Q. "When your road renews rails with better ones to what is this charged?"

A. "To maintenance of ways and structures."

Q. "Do you know the weight of rail on the Virginia Midland when the Southern took it in 1897?"

A. "The reports indicate that in 1895 the road had seventy miles of eighty-pound rail, seventy miles of seventy-pound rail, 120 miles of sixty-pound and eleven miles of less than sixty pounds."

Weight of Rails.

Q. "Please state the weight of rail on that road now."

A. "There is no rail on that road now lighter than seventy-five pounds."

Q. "On how much of your entire system in Virginia since 1894 has iron rail been replaced with steel?"

Witness could not answer this question accurately.

Q. "Has not the company to a large extent replaced wooden with iron bridges?"

A. "They have in a good many cases."

Q. "Was this changed to improvements and betterments or to maintenance of ways?"

A. "This depends upon the circumstances."

Here the witness showed how the cost would go to one account under some conditions and to the other under others, and he was further questioned on the same line.

Mr. Braxton showed great interest in endeavoring to get at the composition of what is known by the company as its capital account, and a long segue followed on this subject between lawyer and witness. The former wished to know if culverts were replaced with arches, whether they were charged to improvements and betterments, or to the capital account, and the latter said in case of large culverts they were charged to improvements and betterments.

He further said that most of the expenses for lightening tracks were charged to the capital account, though some of them went to improvements and betterments. None were charged to maintenance of ways and structures.

The two remained in colloquy over the question of the capital account for some time, and finally the witness asked Mr. Thom: "To which capital account do you refer? We have a capital asset and a capital liability account."

Railroad men, more familiar than lawyers with the intricacies of railroad accounts, were not without some knowledge of the matter, but seemed to enjoy the incident greatly.

Witness and lawyer then arrived at a better understanding as to what account they were charged to lunch hour without further delay.

Afternoon Session.

When the session was resumed at a little before 4 o'clock, Mr. Braxton began pressing the witness again to find out the conditions of his road in Virginia, compared with its lines in other States, as related to operating expenses, earnings, etc., and the questions and answers were with reference almost entirely to figures and mathematical calculations.

It did not take the lawyer and witness long to part company on their deductions from given propositions of railroad accounting, and it took them some time to get together again. Meanwhile, the two lawyers wrangled for some time over the admission of certain questions, and then the examination went on smoothly for a while.

Witness finally figured out that during the last fiscal year it cost the company a little over 7 cents to earn a dollar of profit in Virginia, and that the cost of doing local business in Virginia was about 35 cents in a dollar more than that of doing all the business of the system.

Mr. Braxton here said he would contend that all sums spent for betterments to keep the road in the condition it originally was should be taken out of the surplus, instead of the earnings, and this was the reason for his present line of questions.

Mr. Thom replied, and said the proposition was a most startling one, and that the Interstate Commerce Commission would not allow a railroad company to earn more money than was necessary to keep its property in repair.

"Suppose the railroad earns no dividends," he asked, "where will the money come from to make improvements in keeping with modern demands, unless you take them from the earnings?"

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THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Interesting Exercises to Take Place at Academy of Music Thursday Evening.

LIST OF THE GRADUATES

Musical Programme Will be Unusually Fine—Dr. McFadden to Deliver Address.

The thirty-second annual commencement of the Richmond High School will take place at the Academy of Music Thursday night, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. The following interesting programme has been arranged, and will be carried out:

Medley—Home Songs—Arranged by Leslie Watson. High School Chorus.

Essay—Some Contrasts Between the French and American Revolutions—Miss Lee Cecil Rinsberg. Chorus—The Grandchildren of Schumann. High School Chorus.

Recitation—How the LaRue Stakes Were Lost—Miss Esther B. Weinstein. Chorus—Fair Song—Zimmerman. High School Chorus.

Recitation—The Billville Spirit Meeting—Miss Maggie Bryant. Chorus—Believe Me, If All These Endearing Young Charms—Moult. High School Chorus.

Address—Dr. A. C. McFadden, D. D. Chorus—How Lovely Are the Messengers—Mendelssohn. High School Chorus.

Delivery of Diplomas—James H. Capers, Chairman City School Board.

Delivery of Medals—Rev. George W. McDaniel. Award of Scholarships—Medley—Songs of Other Lands—Arranged by Leslie Watson. High School Chorus.

Walter C. Mercer, Assistant Director. Honor Winners.

The following is a complete list of the graduates for this year:

Post-Graduates, January—Bessie Black, Martha Dabney, Lella Goddin, Susie Hix, Lella Lucy, Margaret Noble, Elizabeth Nuckolls, Kate Phillips, Hazel Shuckelford, Edith Taylor.

Graduates, January—Robert C. Ancarrow, Amelia Scott Buck, Rebecca Walford Hardwick, Dorothea Kate Hartung, Jesse Burns Hutchinson, Peyton Stark Lewis, Willard Payson McAlm, Emma Wilson Morris, Barton Palmer, Myrtle Evans, Pauline, Frances, Gladys, Hester Viola Roy, Marjorie Hoagland Stern, Irene Estelle Walton, Frances Mason Williams, Mary Louise Wright.

Graduates, Business Course, January—Mildred Field Black, Carle Peggam Bootwright, Ethel D. Catcart, Mary C. DeLoe, Mildred Lee Hancock, Ruby Lucille Kelley, Ida M. LaFratta, Clarence L. Palmore, Alma Lee Parker, G. Boyd Tyler, Mollie Wolf.

Graduates Photography and Typewriting, January—Mary Parker Steinlein, Nina Josephine Taylor.

Post-Graduates, June—Helen Frances Black, Mary Chappell, Virginia Grand Block, Ida Noel Dunford, Josephine Mary Deibel, Eva Elizabeth Hoy, Eva M. Kelley, Anne Constance Robinson, Mary Virginia Sanders, Mary Bernadette Schutte, Helen Royall Taylor, Irene Eselle Walton, Frances, Gladys, Hester Viola Roy, Marjorie Hoagland Stern, Irene Estelle Walton, Frances Mason Williams, Mary Louise Wright.

Graduates, June—George Marvin Bell, Rosa Rebecca Blake, Vera Ellen Blunt, Frances Coffey, Mammie Drever, Albert F. Edell, Sallie Fitzgerald, Gertrude Flournoy, Jessie Lee Hain, Ida Brock Hold, Helen Louise Moorehouse, Gladys Edwards Neale, Thomas David Neal, Jr., Lee Cecil Rinsberg, Bascom Joseph Rowlett, Corinne Van Vort Samuels, Reginald M. Shelton, Adelaide Sutherland, Carrie Williamson, Florence Juana Wood, Louise Yarrington.

Graduates Business Course, June—Kate Rinford, Mary Elizabeth Bowles, Daisy F. Bowie, Percy J. Carr, Bettie Glenn Gary, Mary L. Lewis, Elsie Lumaden, Helen Louise Moorehouse, Gladys Edwards Neale, Thomas David Neal, Jr., Lee Cecil Rinsberg, Bascom Joseph Rowlett, Corinne Van Vort Samuels, Reginald M. Shelton, Adelaide Sutherland, Carrie Williamson, Florence Juana Wood, Louise Yarrington.

Graduates Photography and Typewriting, June—Grace Hunter Sims, Nell D. Spence.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE.

Despondent and Out of Work, Tries to End His Life.

James Kendrick, a white man, about forty-five years of age, attempted suicide yesterday morning by swallowing a large dose of bichloride of mercury. He was found in a precarious condition by Sergeant Smith, who took him to the Second Police Station, where he was attended by Dr. Huggins, of the ambulance corps. The man was taken to the city hospital, where he was treated and recovered.

Kendrick lived in Durham, N. C., but recently had come to Richmond. He came to Richmond in search of work, and after tramping the street for three days became despondent and tried to end his own life.

Blind Man's Boy Dismissed.

John Cullingsworth, a small white boy, who had taken over a hundred punched street car tickets, appeared before Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning, and said that he did it only for fun, and that he was the sole comfort of his blind father.

The boy said, "and papa will tell you that I will not steal."

Kendrick looked into the face of the man who is denied the pleasure of looking upon things beautiful in this world, and immediately dismissed the boy.

Left His Shoe.

A white man entered the home of Mr. C. O. Alley, No. 414 North Thirty-third Street, early Tuesday morning and left in such a hurry that he forgot to take his shoe. Mr. Alley, who is chief clerk of the Richmond Transfer Company, was awakened about 1 o'clock by the sound of the striking of a match. He started for his wardrobe where he kept his revolver and the burglar saw him. The intruder saw Mr. Alley and at him. Later one shoe was found, and it is presumed that the thief forgot to take this with him when the bullet seized about his neck.

Watch Found.

The owner of a ladies' gold Waltham watch can get the same by applying at the office of Chief of Police Detective McMahon found the watch on a street cat, and it is at police headquarters.

Marshall Lodge.

Marshall Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, held its usual semi-monthly meeting at Lee Camp Hall last night. Nothing but routine business was done, and a social evening enjoyed. The lodge will hold its election of officers on the 26th of this month.

Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, June 12 (Times-Dispatch).—Palmer, Jr.; Broadway Central, D. H. Buchanan; York, C. M. Boswell; St. Denis, H. C. Schmalz; and wife, Savoy, E. East and wife, Park Avenue, W. C. Edwards.



MISS RICHMOND: "Even one is too many!"

A. P. V. A. HOLD GENERAL MEETING

Annual Reports Made, and Letter from the President and Vice-President Read.

THE LANDMARK COMMITTEE

Tablet Design Adopted—Five Sites to be Marked—Monuments at Jamestown.

The June meeting of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities was held in the rooms of the Virginia Historical Society yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. E. V. Valentine presiding.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes, a most satisfactory report was submitted by the treasurer, Mrs. John B. Lightfoot.

Then the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Enders Robinson, in making her report, read a letter from Mrs. Virginia M. Lightfoot, of the Washington branch of the A. P. V. A., in which Miss Miller says:

"Our Washington branch has been doing very well indeed this last year. We have many new members, and much interest in the work of the society."

Under the leadership of Captain John Smith, a fac-simile of the tablet placed over his grave in St. Sepulchre's Church, London, during the year 1633, and we are at work on it now. It is to be placed in the building that will be erected by the National Society Colonial Dames, at Jamestown.

In response to an appeal from the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, several of the memorial pews in Old Bruton Church have been undertaken, and three of them, the Page, Pendleton and Mason, have already been paid for, and others will soon be completed. I thought you would like to know the most appropriate sponsor of the pew to Richard Henry Lee and his brother, Francis Lightfoot Lee. Miss E. M. Robinson is working for the Marshall, and Miss Byrd Washington for the Washington pew.

From Tennessee.

A letter received from Mrs. M. L. Hume, directress of the Tennessee A. P. V. A. branch, informs Mrs. Robinson that "We had quite a successful meeting of the Tennessee branch last Friday afternoon. Seven new members were added, and the work of the society was creditable in every respect. Our branch did not decide how to appropriate the fund we have on hand. Mrs. P. J. Farner, the treasurer, suggested the Pocahontas statue. Will you be so kind as to give me your advice and suggestions, which will be much appreciated."

Another letter read by Mrs. Robinson and heard with much interest was one from Mr. Robert S. Bright, of Philadelphia, secretary of a new A. P. V. A. branch formed in the Quaker City, with Mrs. Joseph Leidy as directress. The letter was addressed to Mrs. Joseph Bryan, and asked the question as to whether "the old members belonging to the society before the organization of the branch should remit their dues to the general treasurer or to the treasurer of the branch."

It was decided in answer to this question, on motion of Mrs. Lightfoot, that in all instances dues should be paid to the local treasurer, and by her turned over to the general treasurer.

Maryland Diocese to Help.

A resolution, offered by Mr. James M. Garnett and unanimously adopted by the Maryland Diocese Convention assembled in Cumberland, Md., May 31st, had been sent by Mrs. Garnett to Mrs. Joseph Bryan. Mrs. Robinson read it to the society, as follows:

"Whereas, the three hundredth anniversary of the first permanent settlement of English-speaking people will be celebrated next year in the Jamestown Exposition, and the founding of the first Anglican church in this country will be commemorated by the restoration of the old church at Jamestown, Va., now in process of construction by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and in view of the ancient relations existing between the churches in the province of Maryland and Virginia, it is proposed that the churches in the Diocese of Maryland take part in the commemoration by the donation of a suitable window to the church at Jamestown; therefore,

"Resolved by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maryland, That it heartily commends this movement to erect a memorial window in the Jamestown church, and that the bishop be and is hereby requested to appoint a committee of two clergymen and three laymen to collect by private subscription the funds necessary for this purpose, and to present the window in the name of the Diocese of Maryland to the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities;

My Dear Friends—At this last meeting, which was held for the summer, I would like to offer a few suggestions for your consideration, to be acted upon or not, at your judgment. I think it most important that we should protect through the public press and to the City Council against any removal or demolition of the Marshall House. The A. P. V. A. stands for the preservation of all the past of Virginia, and therefore, we should have the house guarded where ever they may be found. Thus the home of the great Marshall appears in a degree hardly less strong than the home of Mary Washington. Anywhere except in Virginia this house with its memories and its traditions would be guarded with anxious care (for its age if nothing else), and if it is altered or destroyed we will be justly censured. Could not a committee be appointed to take the matter in hand and a formal letter from the A. P. V. A. be written to the Virginia Bar Association asking that they purchase and protect it? If we could get the other patriotic associations to unite

which has so patriotically undertaken the restoration of old Jamestown church as a memorial of this early missionary enterprise, and especially of the labors of the noble and self-sacrificing clergyman who gave up their lives in the initial effort for the establishment of the Anglican church in this country.

"Committee appointed by the bishop under the above resolution: The Rev. George W. Dams, the Rev. Robert S. Goodwin, the Rev. James M. Garnett, Thomas Hill and J. Noble Stockett, all of Baltimore."

The Matter Explained.

A resolution was offered and adopted by the association instructing the corresponding secretary to inform the chairman of the committee that the proposed building over the Jamestown Church foundations is not being done by the United States Government, but by the A. P. V. A., but by the Colonial Dames, who, when the building is completed, will turn it over to the association. The building will contain none of the interior fittings of a church, and the character of its architecture will not admit of the use in its connection of stained glass, but, when the building has been presented to the association, a memorial taking a different form will be considered.

Good Water in Abundance.

A most satisfactory report was submitted by Mrs. Randolph Cannon, showing the artesian well at Jamestown to be a perfect success and entirely paid for. As chairman of the artesian well committee, Mrs. Cannon received a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Decatur Axell, as chairman of the annual excursion in May, also received an enthusiastic vote of thanks. Her report showed the net profits of the excursion from the excursion to be \$52.53.

Conferred With Secretary Taft.

Mr. W. G. Stannard made a report of his and Mr. R. A. Lancaster's conference with Secretary Taft on the occasion of the latter's recent visit to Jamestown. He explained the probable site of the monument to be erected by the United States Government, and he and Mr. Lancaster were authorized to represent the association in regard to its final location. Mr. Stannard was also authorized to take proper steps for collecting, through the Governor, who is chairman of the Jamestown Exposition Committee, the \$250 appropriated by the State for the monument.

Eighteen annual members and two life members were reported to the society by Mrs. E. V. Valentine.

In recognition of the graceful house shown to the A. P. V. A. by the members of the Leidy family, at Brandon, it was decided, on motion of Mrs. Stannard, to make Mrs. Randolph Cannon and Miss Isabella Ritchie Harrison honorary life members of the association. Mrs. Harrison is already an honorary life member.

Mr. Stannard reported the secure boxing of the tombs and foundations at Jamestown, the beginning of the building operations.

To Mark the Landmarks.

Mrs. Stannard, as chairman of the A. P. V. A. landmark committee, exhibited a handsome design drawn by W. L. Sheppard for bronze tablets, to be used in marking historic points in the city. The five points to be marked are the site of the old Allan residence, Edgar Allan Poe's former home, the Marshall house, the former home of George Wythe, now occupied by Mr. B. B. Munford; the building that was formerly the Richmond Theatre, in memory of Joseph Jefferson, the actor; the Retreat for the Sick, where the State Convention to ratify the adoption of the Constitution of the United States was held.

A bronze tablet to emphasize his connection with the great work done at Jamestown Island, by Colonel S. H. Yonge, in uncovering the foundations of the State House and adjoining buildings, was decided on.

A letter from Mrs. Taylor Elyson, written from "Wyndover," near the University of Virginia, and regretting her inability to be present, was read.

Letter for mthe President.

The following letter of suggestion and information from Mrs. Joseph Bryan, every suggestion of which was heartily adopted by the society, was read: The only regret being that the president of the association could not be heard personally instead of by letter. This is what Mrs. Bryan wrote:

Richmond, Va., June 12, 1924. To the Central Committee of the A. P. V. A.:

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Gives Outing to Friends.

Dr. J. Fulmer Bright, who has been recently elected to the professorship of anatomy at the Medical College of Virginia, will take the adjunct faculty for an outing to West Point to-day.

Dr. Bright also has for many years been a promisor of member of the adjunct faculty, and in honor of his election is giving the outing to his old colleagues. The party leaves this morning and will return on the evening train.

Daughters to Meet.

Central Club, No. 30, Daughters of Liberty, will have a meeting, for the nomination of officers for the next quarter, Monday evening, June 15th, at 8:15 o'clock, at Dabney's Hall. All members are urged to attend.

Passed Examination.

A great number of young men took the examination at the University College of Medicine yesterday to qualify in the practice of dentistry in the State. The results of the examination will not be known for several weeks.

Died at One Hundred and Five.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Fannie Le-max, familiarly known as "Aunt Fannie," died yesterday at her home in Fairfax, Va., near the city, aged 103 years. She was a celebrated negro character. She was born in January, 1821, and up to the time of her death recalled with remarkable vividness the early history of the country. Her oldest child is still living at the age of eighty-four, and she had fifty-eight grandchildren.

Leutenant and Mrs. Donald Macdonald, of the United States Army, stationed at Fort Myer, Va., who have been the guests of Capt. W. M. Myers, 102 West Grace Street, left yesterday morning for their home at the fort and will report for duty at the War Department, Washington, D. C. While in the city they were the recipients of much attention.

To Lay Cornerstone.

Jappa Lodge, No. 11, will lay the cornerstone of the new \$20,000 school house at Union Heights, the foundations of which have been started. An interesting programme has been arranged for the occasion, which is to take place at 10 o'clock, June 21st.

J. G. Hankins will preside, and Governor Moore has been invited to deliver the address.

PLUMBERS MAY GO OUT ON STRIKE

Journeymen Have Notified the Master Plumbers That They Want New Terms.

JULY FIRST NAMED AS DATE

Masters Hold Indignation Meeting and Decide to Fight All Summer, if Necessary.

The master plumbers of Richmond have received a pamphlet from the journeymen plumbers, gas and steam fitters, notifying them that unless certain given demands are conceded to that organization there will be a strike on July 1st.

The Master Plumbers' Association held